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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 6, 7, 12, and 26 with the following amended claims:

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1. A method for processing a transport stream comprising a plurality of time slots for transporting therein respective programs having a common time base indicated by periodically inserted time stamps, said method comprising:

modifying packets associated with a desired time slot of a received transport stream to produce an output transport stream; and

transmitting said output transport stream; said transmitted output transport stream includes respective modified programs having said common time base indicated by said periodically inserted time stamps provided by said received transport stream, wherein a modified packet uses a matching time stamp of said received transport stream.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of modifying packets further comprises:

(1) examining a packet received from said received transport stream to determine if a slot associated with said received packet corresponds to an insertion slot for said second program to be inserted;

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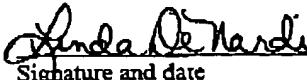
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